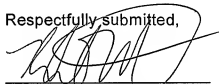


**CONCLUSION**

Applicant believes he has addressed all outstanding grounds raised by the Examiner and respectfully requests that the mailing date of the Office Action of August 23, 2007, be reset, and that claims 45 and 46 be examined on the merits.

Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

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